

Washington, DC - This afternoon, the House passed H.R. 4040, the Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act of 2007, by a vote of 407-0. The legislation, a comprehensive overhaul of consumer protection measures with specific focus on children's toys, represents bipartisan efforts to improve and reform the nation's consumer product safety system. The bill was originally introduced by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.

"The legislation we've passed today will provide sensible and authoritative solutions to the various toy safety concerns that unfortunately have been far too common in 2007," said Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX-20), member of the CTCP Subcommittee. "The bipartisan fashion in which this bill was crafted resulted in a strong piece of legislation that creates a safer American marketplace for children's products," he added.

Once the legislation is fully phased in, the bill will mandate the toughest lead standard in the world for children's toys by decreasing the lead standard from 600 to 100 parts per million or trace amounts. H.R. 4040 also mandates third party testing of toys and comprehensively strengthens the Consumer Product Safety Commission through increased funding, oversight and staffing.

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"For too long the Consumer Product Safety Commission has failed to live up to its responsibilities," said Gonzalez. "This legislation will equip the agency with the proper tools to appropriately administer recalls and notify the public about potentially dangerous products. The Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act of 2007 is a significant step forward on the road towards ensuring that every American child is protected from unsafe products," he added.

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